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September 26, 2005

Harry R. Steinmetz (3HS62) U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 3 1650 Arch St. Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re: Safety Light Corporation Site Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Please find enclosed Brown University's response to the request for information and production issued by the United States Environmental Agency, Region 3 ("EPA") relative to the EPA's investigation of the Safety Light Corporation Site in Bloomsburg, PA.

Sincerely

Yolanda J. Lamboy Associate Counsel

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Enclosures: as noted

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Answers to EPA Letter dated July 27, 2005

To the best of its knowledge based on diligent search and inquiry, Brown submits the following in response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3, request for information and documents relating to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), and pollutants and/or contaminants as defined by Section 101(33), 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(33), which were transported to, stored, treated, or disposed of at the Safety Light Corporation Site in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania:

- 1. The business relationship between Brown University (Brown) and Safety Light Corporation (SLC) was limited in scope and duration to the following transactions:
 - The record in EPA's possession represents material shipped to Brown University from the Safety Light site for a purchase of 5 mCi of Po-210 (in the form of polonium nitrate) in 1959. By way of background information, Po-210 is a short-lived radioactive material (half-life of 138 days). After ten half lives (or 1380 days), the radioactivity is insignificant; i.e., if it was purchased in 1959, it would have decayed by 1963. Brown University has no record of having shipped the Po-210 back to the Safety Light site.
 - Review of the files indicates that Brown may have purchased approximately thirty (30) tritium (H-3) targets from U.S. Radium Corporation prior to 1960. These tritium targets were disposed of at a facility in Massachusetts in 1982, and were not disposed of at the Safety Light Site.
 - In December, 2001, Brown shipped forty (40) self-luminous exit signs (manufactured in 1988) to Safety Light Corp, at the direction of Evenlite Inc. At the time of purchase, each self-luminous exit sign contained 20 curies of tritium (H-3). By the time the exit signs were shipped back to Safety Light in 2001, the activity for each sign would have decayed to approximately 9.6 curies each. Safety Light had an NRC License # 37-00030-08 to accept H-3. The shipment was done in accordance with all applicable NRC Regulations. See Attachment A.
- 2. Brown has not transported nor brokered hazardous substances and/or radioactive waste or other wastes that were disposed of or reclaimed by U. S. Radium, Lime Ridge Industries, USR Industries, USR Metals, Metreal or Isolite to the Site.
- 3. Not applicable. See response to question number 2.
- 4. With the exception of the one-time shipment in December, 2001 of the exit signs (as more fully described in paragraph 1 above), Brown did not generate any

wastes that were disposed of or reclaimed by U.S. Radium, Lime Ridge Industries, USR Industries, USR Metals, Metreal, Isolite at the Site.

- 5. Not applicable.
- 6. The persons who were consulted or who supplied documents to prepare these answers are:
 - Ninni Jacob, Radiation Safety Officer, Environmental Health and Safety, Brown University 164 Angell Street, Box 1914, Providence, RI 02912. Phone: (401) 863-3353
 - Stephen Morin, Director, Environmental Health and Safety, Brown University, 164 Angell Street, Box 1914, Providence, RI 02912. Phone: (401) 863-3353
 - Henry Huppert, Environmental Compliance Officer, Environmental Health and Safety, Brown University, 164 Angell Street, Box 1914, Providence, RI 02912. Phone: (401) 863-3353
 - Richard Shea, Radiation Safety Specialist, Environmental Health and Safety, Brown University, 164 Angell Street, Box 1914, Providence, RI 02912. Phone: (401) 863-3353
 - Donald Maxson, Professor Emeritus, Physics Department, Brown University, at 184 Hope Street, Box 1843, Providence, RI 02912 Phone: (401) 863-2641

We do not know of any other persons able to provide more detailed or complete responses to any questions contained in your letter or, who may be able to provide additional responsive documents.

- 7. We believe that the information contained herein is responsive to your Information Request and we know of no additional information or documents held by others that would be responsive.
- 8. We have no information about other parties who may have information that may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site, or who may be responsible for the generation of, transportation to, or release of contamination at the Site.
- 9. We are not aware of any documents solicited in this information request that are no longer available.

ATTACHMENT A BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS REGARDING EXIT SIGNS



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